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1. Fifteen thousand air, artillery, and naval troops are reported to have arrived recently in the Kaliningrad (Königsberg) area. They are distributed through the towns of Rybaki, Palaniki, Warniki, Neu Kühren, and Kaliningrad. These are replacements for troops which are to be sent to Germany and the Stettin area in the course of a regrouping of the Russian forces. The newcomers have completely new equipment. The men are in the 18 to 22-year age group, all educated in Russia.
 2. At the same time that the new troops arrived, eight new destroyers (2,000 tons) and one artillery ship (5,000 tons) arrived in Kaliningrad. Altogether, there are in the military harbor at Kaliningrad 10 destroyers, 1 artillery ship, 11 torpedo boats, about 25 speed boats, and 5 hydroplanes. The total number of men in the Kaliningrad area is 28,000 to 30,000.

3. The Soviets have concentrated new and important forces on the Karelian border, near the industrial center of Värtsilä (62°10'N, 30°42'E). The exact number of troops is not mentioned, but the forces are reported to be "superior to one or two divisions".

Palaniki (Palanicken): 54°52'N, 19°57'E
Warniki (Warnicken): 54°57'N, 20°05'E
Neu Kühren: 54°57'N, 20°14'E
Rybaki: unlocated

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